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Dear Sir;

Attached to this fax transmission is a completed and signed REQUEST TO WITHDRAW to BPAI Hearings Fax No. and USPTO Central Fax No.

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Sincerely,  
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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****JAN 14 2008****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***In re* application of: **Trinh, et al.**Appl. No.: **09/306,986**Filed: **May 7, 1999**For: **A Method for Synthesizing a Nucleic Acid  
Molecule Using a Ribonuclease**

Confirmation No.: 4261

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Atty. Docket: IVGN 202

**Request to Withdraw Appeal**Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences  
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Sir:

A Notice of Appeal for the above-referenced application was filed on October 25, 2006, and a hearing on this Appeal is scheduled for January 15, 2008. Appellants do not wish to pursue this Appeal any further. Consequently, Appellants request that the pending Appeal be withdrawn from consideration by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences as of today's date, January 14, 2008.

Applicants wish to have prosecution of the application reopened, and have filed this same day a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, accompanied by a submission responsive to the last outstanding Office action and the corresponding fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

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Respectfully submitted,

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